

program will affect the completeness and/or protectiveness determinations;

(4) The Governor of a State, or his or her authorized representative, shall submit additional information upon request of the Administrator,

(c)(1) For opt-out petitions received on or before December 31, 1997, except as provided in paragraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this section, the Administrator shall set an effective date for removal of an area under paragraph (a) of this section as requested by the Governor, but no less than 90 days from the Agency's written notification to the state approving the opt-out petition, and no later than December 31, 1999.

(2) For opt-out petitions received on or before December 31, 1997, except as provided in paragraph (c)(3) of this section, where RFG is contained as an element of any plan or plan revision that has been approved by the Agency, other than as a contingency measure consisting of a future opt-in, then the effective date under paragraph (a) of this section shall be the date requested by the Governor, but no less than 90 days from the effective date of Agency approval of a revision to the plan that removes RFG as a control measure.

(3)(i) The Administrator may extend the deadline for submitting opt-out petitions in paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section for a state if:

(A) The Governor or his authorized representative requests an extension prior to December 31, 1997;

(B) The request indicates that there is active or pending legislation before the state legislature that was introduced prior to March 28, 1997;

(C) The legislation is concerning opting out of or remaining in the reformulated gasoline program; and

(D) The request demonstrates that the legislation cannot reasonably be acted upon prior to December 31, 1997.

(ii) The Administrator may extend the deadline until no later than May 31, 1998. If the deadline is extended, then opt-out requests from that state received during the extension shall be considered under the provisions of paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section.

(4) For opt-out petitions received January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2003, except as provided in paragraph (c)(5) of this section, the Administrator

shall set an effective date for removal of an area under paragraph (a) of this section as requested by the Governor but no earlier than January 1, 2004 or 90 days from the Agency's written notification to the state approving the opt-out petition, whichever date is later.

(5) For opt-out petitions received January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2003, where RFG is contained as an element of any plan or plan revision that has been approved by the Agency, other than as a contingency measure consisting of a future opt-in, then the effective date for removal of an area under paragraph (a) of this section shall be the date requested by the Governor, but no earlier than January 1, 2004, or 90 days from the effective date of Agency approval of a revision to the plan that removes RFG as a control measure, whichever date is later.

(6) For opt-out petitions received on or after January 1, 2004, except as provided in paragraph (c)(7) of this section, the Administrator shall set an effective date for removal of an area as requested by the Governor, but no less than 90 days from the Agency's written notification to the state approving the opt-out petition.

(7) For opt-out petitions received on or after January 1, 2004, where RFG is contained as an element of any plan or plan revision that has been approved by the Agency, other than as a contingency measure consisting of a future opt-in, then the effective date for removal of an area under paragraph (a) of this section shall be the date requested by the Governor, but no less than 90 days from the effective date of Agency approval of a revision to the plan that removes RFG as a control measure.

(d) The Administrator shall publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER announcing the approval of any petition under paragraph (a) of this section, and the effective date for removal.

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§ 80.73 Inability to produce conforming gasoline in extraordinary circumstances.

In appropriate extreme and unusual circumstances (*e.g.*, natural disaster or Act of God) which are clearly outside the control of the refiner, importer, or

oxygenate blender and which could not have been avoided by the exercise of prudence, diligence, and due care, EPA may permit a refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender, for a brief period, to distribute gasoline which does not meet the requirements for reformulated gasoline, or does not contain the type(s) and amount(s) of oxygenate required under § 80.69(b)(1), if:

(a) It is in the public interest to do so (e.g., distribution of the nonconforming gasoline is necessary to meet projected shortfalls which cannot otherwise be compensated for);

(b) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender exercised prudent planning and was not able to avoid the violation and has taken all reasonable steps to minimize the extent of the nonconformity;

(c) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender can show how the requirements for reformulated gasoline will be expeditiously achieved;

(d) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender agrees to make up air quality detriment associated with the nonconforming gasoline, where practicable; and

(e) The refiner, importer, or oxygenate blender pays to the U.S. Treasury an amount equal to the economic benefit of the nonconformity minus the amount expended, pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, in making up the air quality detriment.

[38 FR 1255, Jan. 10, 1973, as amended at 71 FR 26700, May 8, 2006]

§ 80.74 Recordkeeping requirements.

All parties in the gasoline distribution network and the distribution network for pentane for use by pentane blenders under § 80.86, shall maintain records containing the information as required in this section. These records shall be retained for a period of five years from the date of creation, and shall be delivered to the Administrator of EPA or to the Administrator's authorized representative upon request.

(a) *All regulated parties.* Any refiner, gasoline importer, oxygenate blender, producer of pentane for use by pentane blenders, importer of pentane for use by pentane blenders, carrier, distributor, reseller, retailer, or wholesale-purchaser-consumer who sells, of-

fers for sale, dispenses, supplies, offers for supply, stores, blends, transports, or causes the transportation of any reformulated gasoline, RBOB, or pentane for use by pentane blenders shall maintain records containing the following information:

(1) The product transfer documentation for all reformulated gasoline, RBOB, or pentane for use by pentane blenders for which the party is the transferor or transferee; and

(2) For any sampling and testing on RBOB or reformulated gasoline:

(i) The location, date, time, and storage tank or truck identification for each sample collected;

(ii) The identification of the person who collected the sample and the person who performed the testing;

(iii) The results of the tests; and

(iv) The actions taken to stop the sale of any gasoline found not to be in compliance, and the actions taken to identify the cause of any noncompliance and prevent future instances of noncompliance.

(3) For producers and importers of pentane for use by pentane blenders, in addition to the records specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, records demonstrating that each batch of such pentane is compliant with the standards in § 80.86.

(4) For pentane blenders, in addition to the records specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, records demonstrating compliance quality assurance program requirements in § 80.85.

(b) *Refiners and importers.* In addition to other requirements of this section, any refiner and importer shall, for all reformulated gasoline and RBOB produced or imported, maintain records containing the following information:

(1) Results of the tests to determine reformulated gasoline properties and characteristics specified in § 80.65;

(2) [Reserved]

(3) The volume of gasoline associated with each of the above test results using the method normally employed at the refinery or import facility for this purpose;

(4) In the case of RBOB:

(i) The results of tests to ensure that, following blending, RBOB meets applicable standards; and